

PERFORMANCE BOND

Date bond executed: May 2, 2018

Effective date: May 2, 2018

Principal: Florence Copper, Inc.
1575 W. Hunt Highway
Florence, AZ 85132

Type of organization: Corporation

State of incorporation: Nevada

Surety: Lexon Insurance Company
10002 Shelbyville Road, Suite 100
Louisville, KY 40223

Class III In-Situ Production of Copper

EPA Permit No. R9UIC-AZ3-FY11-1

Florence Copper Project

1575 West Hunt Highway

Florence, AZ 85132

Total penal sum of bond: \$4,457,000.00

Surety's bond number: 1156330

Know All Persons By These Presents, That We, the Principal and Surety hereto are firmly bound to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (hereinafter called EPA), in the above penal sum for the payment of which we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns jointly and severally; provided that, where the Sureties are corporations acting as co-sureties, we, the Sureties, bind ourselves in such sum "jointly and severally" only for the purpose of allowing a joint action or actions against any or all of us, and for all other purposes each Surety binds itself, jointly and severally with the Principal, for the payment of such sum

only as is set forth opposite the name of such Surety, but if no limit of liability is indicated, the limit of liability shall be the full amount of the penal sum.

Whereas said Principal is required, under the Underground Injection Control Regulations, as amended, to have a permit or comply with provisions to operate under rule for each injection well identified above, and

Whereas said Principal is required to provide financial assurance for plugging and abandonment as a condition of the permit or approval to operate under rule, and

Whereas said Principal shall establish a standby trust fund as is required when a surety bond is used to provide such financial assurance;

Now, Therefore, the conditions of this obligation are such that if the Principal shall faithfully perform plugging and abandonment, whenever required to do so, of each injection well for which this bond guarantees plugging and abandonment, in accordance with the plugging and abandonment plan and other requirements of the permit or provisions for operating under rule and other requirements of the permit or provisions for operating under rule as may be amended, pursuant to all applicable laws, statutes, rules and regulations, as such laws, statutes, rules, and regulations may be amended,

Or, if the Principal shall provide alternate financial assurance as specified in subpart F of 40 CFR part 144, and obtain the EPA Regional Administrator's written approval of such assurance, within 90 days after the date of notice of cancellation is received by both the Principal and the EPA Regional Administrator(s) from the Surety, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise it is to remain in full force and effect.

The Surety shall become liable on this bond obligation only when the Principal has failed to fulfill the conditions described above.

Upon notification by an EPA Regional Administrator that the Principal has been found in violation of the plugging and abandonment requirements of 40 CFR part 144, for an injection well which this bond guarantees performances of plugging and abandonment, the Surety shall either perform plugging and abandonment in accordance with the plugging and abandonment plan and other permit requirements or provisions for operating under rule and other requirements or place the amount for plugging and abandonment into a standby trust fund as directed by the EPA Regional Administrator.

Upon notification by an EPA Regional Administrator that the Principal has failed to provide alternate financial assurance as specified in subpart F of 40 CFR part 144, and obtain written approval of such assurance from the EPA Regional Administrator(s) during the 90 days following receipt by both the Principal and the EPA Regional Administrator(s) of a notice of cancellation of the bond, the Surety shall place funds in the amount guaranteed for the injection well(s) into the standby trust fund as directed by the EPA Regional Administrator.

The Surety hereby waive(s) notification of amendments to plugging and abandonment plans, permits, applicable laws, statutes, rules, and regulations and agrees that no such amendment shall in any way alleviate its (their) obligation on this bond.

The liability of the Surety shall not be discharged by any payment or succession of payments hereunder, unless and until such payment or payments shall amount in the aggregate to the penal sum of the bond, but in no event shall the obligation of the Surety hereunder exceed the amount of said penal sum.

The Surety may cancel the bond by sending notice by certified mail to the owner or operator and to the EPA Regional Administrator(s) for the Region(s) in which the injection well(s) is (are) located, provided, however, that cancellation shall not occur during the 120 days beginning on the date of receipt of the notice of cancellation by both the Principal and the EPA Regional Administrator(s), as evidenced by the return receipts.

The principal may terminate this bond by sending written notice to the Surety, provided, however, that no such notice shall become effective until the Surety receive(s) written authorization for termination of the bond by the EPA Regional Administrator(s) of the EPA Region(s) in which the bonded injection well(s) is (are) located.

In Witness Whereof, The Principal and Surety have executed this Performance Bond and have affixed their seals on the date set forth above.

The persons whose signatures appear below hereby certify that they are authorized to execute this surety bond on behalf of the Principal and Surety.

PRINCIPAL

By: 

Name: **Stuart McDonald**
Title: **Chief Financial Officer**
Corporate seal

CORPORATE SURETY

Lexon Insurance Company
10002 Shelbyville Road, Suite 100
Louisville, KY 40223

State of incorporation: Texas

Liability limit: \$6,321,000.00

By: 

Name and Title: Theresa Pickerrell, Attorney-in-Fact
Corporate seal:

Bond premium: \$89,144.00

POWER OF ATTORNEY

LX- 326209

Lexon Insurance Company

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that **LEXON INSURANCE COMPANY**, a Texas Corporation, with its principal office in Louisville, Kentucky, does hereby constitute and appoint: Brook T. Smith, Raymond M. Hundley, Jason D. Cromwell, James H. Martin, Barbara Duncan, Sandra L. Fusinetti, Mark A. Guidry, Jill Kemp, Lynnette Long, Amy Meredith, Deborah Neichter, Theresa Pickerrell, Sheryon Quinn, Beth Frymire, Leigh McCarthy, Michael Dix, Susan Ritter its true and lawful Attorney(s)-In-Fact to make, execute, seal and deliver for, and on its behalf as surety, any and all bonds, undertakings or other writings obligatory in nature of a bond.

This authority is made under and by the authority of a resolution which was passed by the Board of Directors of **LEXON INSURANCE COMPANY** on the 1st day of July, 2003 as follows:

Resolved, that the President of the Company is hereby authorized to appoint and empower any representative of the Company or other person or persons as Attorney-In-Fact to execute on behalf of the Company any bonds, undertakings, policies, contracts of indemnity or other writings obligatory in nature of a bond not to exceed \$5,000,000.00, Five Million dollars, which the Company might execute through its duly elected officers, and affix the seal of the Company thereto. Any said execution of such documents by an Attorney-In-Fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company. Any Attorney-In-Fact, so appointed, may be removed for good cause and the authority so granted may be revoked as specified in the Power of Attorney.

Resolved, that the signature of the President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted, and the signature of the Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any such power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond of undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, **LEXON INSURANCE COMPANY** has caused this instrument to be signed by its President, and its Corporate Seal to be affixed this 5th day of August, 2015.



LEXON INSURANCE COMPANY

BY

David E. Campbell
David E. Campbell
President

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On this 5th day of August, 2015, before me, personally came David E. Campbell to me known, who be duly sworn, did depose and say that he is the President of **LEXON INSURANCE COMPANY**, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he executed said instrument on behalf of the corporation by authority of his office under the By-laws of said corporation.



AMY TAYLOR
Notary Public- State of Tennessee
Davidson County
My Commission Expires 07-08-19

BY

Amy Taylor
Amy Taylor
Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of **LEXON INSURANCE COMPANY**, A Texas Insurance Company, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the original Power of Attorney of which the forgoing is a true and correct copy, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked and the resolutions as set forth are now in force.

Signed and Seal at Mount Juliet, Tennessee this 2nd Day of May, 2018.



BY

Andrew Smith
Andrew Smith
Assistant Secretary

"WARNING: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person, files and application for insurance of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties."